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ORIGINAL STORY
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WH...?
DO YOU HAVE YOUR CHARM, NARUMI?
THE STONE-CARVED GOD PENDANT!
I...
I HAVE IT!
Shk
THIS, RIGHT?!
Snap

HOLD IT UP AND RECITE THE PRAYER I TAUGHT YOU!
HERE IT IS!
I ALWAYS CARRY IT WITH ME!
Swsh
THK

THE PRAYER ...
.....
AAAUGH
UM...
LOOK OUT!!
OH NO!

PLEASE CLEANSE AND PURIFY THIS PLACE...
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Twik
...O GODS AND UNCANNY SPIRITS.
BRING US GOOD FORTUNE!

SHIIINE
SHING

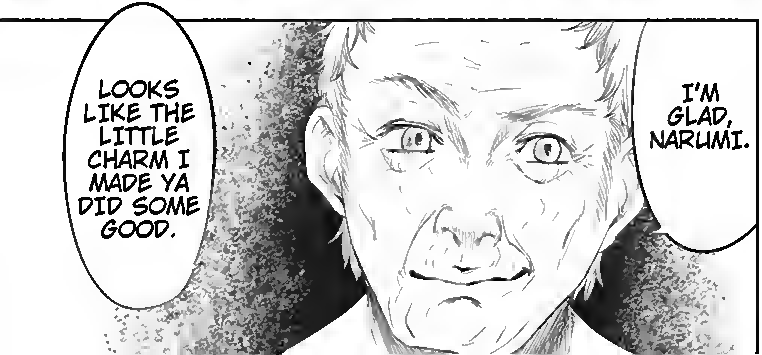
FSHHHH
NNGHH...
FSHHHH
AAAUGH...
HSSSS

HSSSS
HSSSS
...LITTLE BRAT...
...I...
YOU...

KRSH
SHAAAA

.....
ARE WE... SAFE?

GRAND-PA...


LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE CHARM I MADE YA DID SOME GOOD.
I'M GLAD, NARUMI.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I DID THE STONEWORK FOR THIS SCHOOL... I CARVED THE STONE, SET THE PILLARS... I EVEN CARVED THE MONUMENT COMMEMORATING THE FIRST PRINCIPAL.
BUT WHY ARE YOU...
YEAH...
AYUP.
OH, REALLY...?
I'VE BEEN HERE IN THIS SCHOOL THE WHOLE TIME...
UNFORTUNATELY, I DIED WHILE WORKING ON THE RENOVATIONS TO THE SCHOOL... THE STONE BROKE AND I WAS CRUSHED BENEATH IT.
THOUGH, BECAUSE OF THAT, I WAS ABLE TO COME OUT TO HELP YOU.

SO YOU'RE... HAUNTING THIS PLACE?
.....
YOU TWO BEING INVITED HERE WAS NO COINCI-DENCE, Y'KNOW.
EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS A TIE OF FATE TO THIS PLACE, AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.
YOU NEED T' BE CAREFUL. THERE'S A TRAITOR AMONG YOU.
GRAND-PA, YOUR BODY...

THE TRAITOR HAS THE MARK OF TARAK.
BE CARE-FUL...

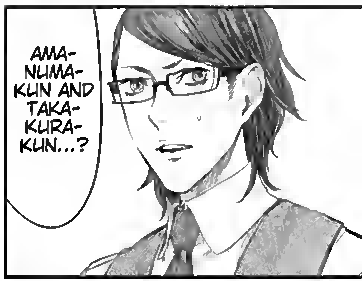
THE TRAI-TOR...
IS IT THAT NECRO-MANCER SARA WAS TALKING ABOUT ?
PROB-ABLY.
TARAK IS A SANSKRIT LETTER, I THINK.
IT MIGHT MEAN THEY HAVE A SANSKRIT TATTOO SOME-WHERE OR SOME-THING ...

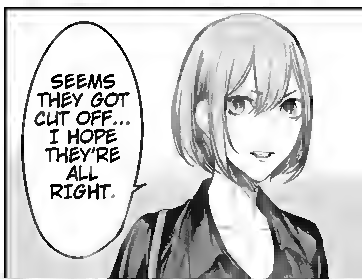
Clasp
LET'S GO, TAKÁ-KURA.
I HAVE THIS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY-THING TO PROTECT YOU.
SO YOU SHOULD BE CARE-FUL NOT TO LEAVE MY SIDE.

S... SURE.
TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME.

WE MANAGED TO MEET BACK UP.

...MIKOGAMI-SAN HAD A CONNECTION TO KARASAWA ELEMENTARY...
THERE'S ANOTHER THING TO CONSIDER...


AMANUMA-KUN AND TAKAKURA-KUN...?


SEEMS THEY GOT CUT OFF... I HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.

I HAD NO IDEA.
I DIDN'T THINK SHE JOINED OUR URBAN EXPLORATION GROUP FOR A REASON LIKE THAT...
HOTEI-SAN...
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME SORT OF CONNECTION TOO?
ACTUALLY... I CAN'T SAY THAT I DON'T.
WHAT?
YOU KNOW KARASAWA SHRINE?
KNOW IT? THAT'S MY CHILDHOOD HOME.
WHAT?!
MY GRANDFATHER WAS A PRIEST AT KARASAWA SHRINE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, RYUU-ZAKI-SAN?
.....
IN THE END IT SEEMS EVERYONE HERE HAS SOME SORT OF CONNECTION OF FATE THAT HAS MANAGED TO LURE THEM HERE, THEN.

Tok コ !!!
I'VE BEEN WON-DER-ING...
...EVER SINCE I MET YOU, WHY DID YOU SHOW ME THAT PICTURE?
THAT PICTURE OF KANON-CHAN...
AND NOT JUST THAT, YOU KNOW TOO MUCH!
ABOUT WHAT HAP-PENED BETWEEN ME AND KANON!
AND...

...YOU KNEW FROM THE START THAT I AM THE SHADOW PRIESTESS.
YOU KNEW THAT AND GOT CLOSER TO ME.

RYUUZAKI-SAN... WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?
TELL ME, TOUSEI RYUUZAKI-SAN.
TO BE CONTINUED...